

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Marshall is the first vice president to be re-elected.

Hogs climbed up to \$14 the first of the week, again breaking all records.

President Wilson is the tenth president to be inaugurated a second time.

Dwensboro won the state championship of High School basketball.

Senator Stone is now enjoying the distinction of being the most unpopular Democrat in the United States.

Chas. L. Jewell, Republican, and Clark Miller, Democrat, have been nominated for Mayor of Indianapolis.

The Indiana Legislature adjourned Tuesday. One of the bills passed provided for military training in High Schools.

The decision on the constitutionality of the Adamson railroad law is expected from the Supreme Court any day.

Villa is reported wounded again. The report is that he was struck on the chest by a piece of shrapnel in the fight at Jimenez.

The Bone Dry bill goes into effect July 1. The president signed the Moon resolution giving four months to dispose of stocks of liquor.

President Wilson's legal advisers will let him know tomorrow whether or not the law permits him to arm ships without the authority of Congress.

The Colonel has expressed a desire to lead a division, as if he didn't do that very thing in 1912, to the great satisfaction of six million Democrats. —Etown News.

Jas. W. Paige, an inventor of one of the early typesetting machines, at one time worth \$1,500,000 until he lost his money in 1903, is now in a poorhouse near Chicago.

New York is the first eastern state to pass a military training bill. All school boys from 16 to 19 are required to drill three hours a week from Sept. 1 to June 15.

A "joker" slipped into an amendment to the state-wide primary law in North Carolina, enacted in 1915, killed the law. The Secretary of State discovered the "joker" and hasty action was taken to set things right. An investigation is being made.

The Legislatures all over the country are adopting resolutions of confidence in the President and many of them are denouncing the senatorial theories. The home states of several of them have acted and a movement has been started to deprive Senator Stone of his chairmanship.

Gov. Whitman is too good a Republican to call a special election in the New York city district, where the death of Mr. Conroy has left a Democratic vacancy. In the event of a special session, the Democrats have lost a vote. They needed only three independents to organize, now they must have 4 of the 5. Clark and Mann are the contesting candidates for Speaker.

In an unanimous opinion the supreme court has decreed restoration to her English owners of the liner Appam and cargo, brought into Hampton roads more than a year ago by a prize crew from the German raider Moewe. Ship and cargo, valued at between three and four million dollars, must be transferred within thirty days, as the court's order is final. American neutrality was violated in bringing the Appam into Hampton roads, the court says, and neither the ancient treaties relied upon by Lieut. Berg, the German prize commander. The Hague conventions nor the declaration of London entitles any belligerents to make American ports a place of deposit of prizes as spoils of war under such circumstances.

## TWO-THIRDS OF THE AMOUNT

The Methodists Set Out to Raise Has Been Subscribed.

## COMMITTEES AT WORK

Three More Days In Which To Raise \$4,700 More.

The official board of the Methodist church is making fine headway in raising the sum of \$15,000 this week, so as to provide for the balance still due on their new church.

Monday the amount reported was \$3,000. This had grown Tuesday to \$8,319 and yesterday at noon this had been increased to \$10,322.

The solicitors are divided into five committees or teams with a captain in charge of each. The reports as made by these teams up to noon yesterday were as follows:

1—Captain R. E. Cooper.....\$2,325  
2—Captain F. K. Yost.....2,130  
3—Captain J. M. Neblett.....2,131  
4—Captain J. J. Robertson.....2,235  
5—Captain J. A. Browning, Jr., 1,504

Total.....\$10,322

Cash payments or time pledges are accepted and donations will be accepted from those not members of the Methodist church. There is still to be raised about \$30,000 on the new church, but the old church lot and building are held as an asset to help raise the amount.

The committees meet each day at noon at the church to make their reports, compare notes and plan for the next twenty-four hours' work. The ladies of the church serve lunch to the workers each day.

Only \$4,700 of the amount is yet to be raised.

## Money In Him.

When a mule kicked Livingston McConnell, a three-year-old Negro boy, in the head at Memphis, the blow broke the skull. Surgeons replaced the broken bone with a brand new dime of the mintage of 1917. The dime will go the grave with the Negro. Coming generations may find and marvel at it.

## TALKED TO THE SCHOOL BOYS

About the Coming Y. M. C. A. Convention at Paducah March 30.

Mr. C. A. Tevebaugh, Y. M. C. A. state secretary, was here yesterday and spoke at the High School, telling the boys about the fifth annual state conference of older boys at Paducah March 30 to April 1.

Delegates from all High and Preparatory Schools, Boys' Clubs, Boy Scouts, Churches and organized Sunday School classes, when in possession of proper credentials are eligible. Delegates must be 14 years of age or over.

All registered delegates will be entertained free in the homes of Paducah from noon of the 30th until after breakfast of April 2nd.

The registration fee is \$1, which is the only expense.

All delegates must be accompanied by an adult leader. He urged the boys to select some teacher, pastor, scout master, or boys' worker who would help work up a delegation, and accompany it to Paducah.

## GOOD CITIZEN TO LEAVE.

Mr. J. McH. Tichenor, has sold his farm on the Palmyra road to H. E. Gary, and is preparing to leave Christian county. His plans have not been announced.

Five firemen were killed in a Detroit fire.

## BREAK PLOT TO BLOW UP PLANTS

Arrest of Kolb Frustrates Plot to Aid Germany By Wrecking Munition Factories.

## BOMBS NOT FOR WILSON

Authorities Convinced No Attack On President's Life Was Contemplated.

Hoboken, N. J., Mar. 7.—With the arrest here Monday of Fritz Kolb, a German, the authorities expressed the belief that they have frustrated a well-laid plot to aid Germany by blowing up munition plants in this country engaged in turning out contracts for the entente allies. The police said they found in Kolb's room two bombs which, according to rumors which had reached them, were to be sent to President Wilson.

After a preliminary investigation, however, they announced themselves as convinced that the plans of the alleged plotters had to do entirely with destroying war supplies, and that no attack on the president's life was contemplated. The police also said they had come into possession of information which might help them in solving the Black Tom explosion and the destruction of the Kingsland, N. J., plant of the Canadian Car and Foundry company in which large munition supplies for the entente allies were blown up.

## FILIBUSTERS TRAITORS

Resolution Calls Roll on "Ad-jective" Members Who Defeated Bill.

Frankfort, Ky., Mar. 7.—The Kentucky state senate yesterday passed a resolution condemning in unmeasured terms the action of United States senators who prevented a vote last week in the upper house of congress on the armed neutrality bill.

The preamble recites that "certain un-American, disloyal, unpatriotic, traitorous and cowardly senators, namely, Clapp, Cummins, Gronna, Kenyon, LaFollette, Norris, Works, Kirby, O'Gorman, Stone and Vardaman" took advantage of senatorial courtesy and senate rules, "and refused to allow said armed neutrality bill to be voted on in the senate, knowing full well that upon the passage of said bill depended the lives of hundreds of brave American seamen."

It asserts that the senators knew Germany repeatedly insulted the American flag, torpedoed ships in defiance of international law and was making earnest efforts to bring the United States into war with Japan. That they knew the United States was swarming with German spies and that bridges and munition plants were being ruthlessly destroyed, "not knowing how soon plots would be uncovered to assassinate our president, destroy our navy yards and naval and military stores, sink ships and otherwise humiliate and discredit us among the nations of the earth."

The resolution condemns the "outrageous action" of the senators named as "unmanly, unpatriotic, un-American, unparalleled and unwarranted." It commends "the patriotic members of both branches of congress," who stood with the president in showing "that while we may have isolated cases of Turbism as in revolutionary days, we are true to our country as were the heroes of the American colonies."

It concludes with a message that "while Kentucky is for peace with honor she pledges the flower of her manhood as her guarantee that she will help defend the flag and liberty of our great country."

## NOTE DELAYS A RUPTURE

Definition of Stand on Submarine Situation Leaves Door Open For Negotiations.

## UPHOLDS U-BOAT WAR

Unless Overt Act Precipitates Break, U. S. Will Not Force Issue In Coming Reply.

Washington, Mar. 7.—Austria's reply to the American request for a clearer definition of her attitude in the submarine situation was stated officially here to leave the door open for further negotiations, delaying temporarily at least the break which has been regarded as inevitable since the severance of relations between the United States and Germany.

Although in substance the long communication upholds and defends the unrestricted warfare waged by Germany, it is couched in most friendly terms and points out that "Austrian submarines solely are operating in the Adriatic and the Mediterranean and therefore an encroachment on American interests hardly is to be feared."

There will be a reply to this note, and, unless an overt act precipitated the rupture both sides apparently earnestly desire to avoid, the United States probably will not be inclined to force the issue for the present.

The truth is that Germany is credited here with trying to force Austria to a step which that country does not wish to take.

## ESQ. BARKER PASSES AWAY

Confederate Veteran, Former Magistrate and Influential Citizen of County.

Mr. Thomas M. Barker, Sr., died at his home at Kennedy, Ky., Monday night, after a long illness. He was 75 years of age, having been born Jan. 12, 1842. He was of Virginia parentage, a son of Chiles T. and Mary L. Barker, who came to this county in 1849.

Esq. Barker, as he was generally known, from having been a justice of the peace for many years, was one of the county's most prominent citizens. He entered the Confederate army as a soldier of the First Kentucky cavalry, and served throughout the war, rising to the rank of Major.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Mary L. Morris, and six children—Chiles T. Barker, Mrs. Noble Allen, Thomas M. Barker, Jr., Richard Barker and Mrs. Matie Daniels, all of this county, and John Morris Barker, of Memphis.

Esq. Barker was a lifelong member of the Salem Baptist church. Funeral services were held at his home yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock and the interment was at Rosedale Cemetery, Pembroke.

## ONE SOLDIER DISLOYAL

Paul L. Scharenberg, a member of the First Minn. Infantry, and a native of Germany, has been given a term of 5 years imprisonment for furnishing military information to Germany. A letter addressed to relatives in Germany asserting that ten million Germans in this country were ready to rise up against the government in the event of war with Germany, was intercepted by British authorities and turned over to Washington officials, according to statements by the officers.

Earl D. Luce, commanding the regiment, and Captain P. L. McClay, regiment adjutant, in confirming the story of Scharenberg's activities declared that he had predicted in his letter that President Wilson "would be soon put out of the way" and had stated that the 200,000 troops on the border would not stand up if put against an efficient force.

## EXTRA SESSION SEEMS ASSURED

Officials Unanimous in Belief That One Must Be Called --June Probable Time.

## TO FILL FINANCIAL GAPS

Failure of Appropriation Measures Regarded as Imperative Reasons for Session.

Washington, Mar. 7.—An extra session of congress not later than June now is generally conceded among officials here to be assured.

The progress made by senators yesterday toward carrying out the president's recommendation for a rule limiting senate debate generally was regarded as strengthening the likelihood of a special session within a few weeks. It is pointed out that in his statement Sunday night the president conveyed the impression by implication that such a revision of senate rules would be a step preliminary to bringing congress back to finish its program.

## ARMED NEUTRALITY BILL FIRST

After enumerating the important measures which had failed, the statement continued that "it would not cure the difficulty to call the sixty-fifth congress into extraordinary session," unless the parliamentary barrier to action in the senate were removed. Should the senate limit debate and the president's legal advisers decide he has no authority to arm ships without congressional authorization, the armed neutrality bill undoubtedly will take first place among the measures to be pressed by the administration at an extra session.

Modification of the senate rules urged by President Wilson to prevent future filibusters like the one which killed the armed neutrality bill virtually was agreed upon last night by a conference of ten senators, five democrats and five republicans, appointed by the party caucuses.

The change proposed would put the power in the hands of two-thirds of the senators present at any time to shut off debate and prevent dilatory tactics.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

Program Was Conducted by Mrs. James F. Baker, the President.

The missionary society of South Union Baptist church met Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. James F. Baker. The February program was conducted by Mrs. Baker, the President. Envelopes for thank offering to Home Missions were handed out.

Nine members were present. Seventy-five cents for a quilt and three dollars and eighty cents dues collected. Five visits to sick were reported, twenty-five garments given, one box of flowers sent.

Miss Elizabeth Gary, a new member, was taken into the society.

Miss Lute Baker conducted the Mission study class in the absence of the appointed leader, Mrs. Stowe.

## SPRING OPENING TO-DAY.

Miss Ida T. Bluminstiel will have her spring opening in her new stand, at the Dr. Hill place on South Main Street to-day. She will give a special display of hats, millinery and corsets for the Spring and Summer. Ladies are cordially invited to inspect the newest and smartest things in these lines.

## Two-thirds Fail.

Annapolis, Md., Mar. 7.—It was announced at the naval academy yesterday that only 101 candidates for admission as midshipmen qualified in the mental test out of 300 candidates.

## DEAD BODIES UNEARTHED

In A Cemetery In France Where A Battle Raged.

## ATTACK NEAR VERDUN

Spring Operations About to Begin With Allies on The Defense.

Military operations of importance are taking place in two sectors of the Franco-Belgian front.

The British have extended their activities further south in the Somme region, and Berlin reports an attack near Bouchavesnes, north of Peronne. This is declared to have been repulsed and an effort to repeat it frustrated.

North of Verdun severe engagements are still in progress along the line near Caurieres Wood, where roads upon the French positions were recently made by the Germans. Paris reported the recapture of some advanced positions, which the Germans had occupied in their attack the day previous. An effort was made by the Crown Prince's troops to retake these lost trenches, but Paris declares the attempt was futile.

On the Russian front, in Galicia, Berlin announces a repulse of a Russian night attack near Brzezany, and the breakdown of an assault made by Russian contingents in the Kelemen mountains, near the northern end of the Rumanian front.

The new territory defended by the British troops just north of the Somme river, however, is extremely interesting. It is deeply shell scarred. Some large farm buildings and factories form most picturesque ruins.

Dompierre Cemetery is a remarkable reminder of the ravages of war. Graves and strong underground vaults have been blown open by the relentless and remorseless shellfire to such an extent that the aspect of the cemetery resembles some fantastic idea of the physical resurrection of the dead. The upheaval was so great that vaults appear to have burst from within.

## ELKS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

Old Officers Are Promoted or Re-elected Without Contests.

The annual election of Hopkinsville Lodge No. 545, B. P. O. E., was held Tuesday night and passed off with unusual unanimity. All of the old officers were moved up a step, or re-elected.

The following were chosen: Exalted Ruler, Joe C. Slaughter; Leading Knight, Ira D. Smith; Loyal Knight, John W. Brennan; Lecturing Knight, B. O. McReynolds.

Secretary, T. C. Underwood; Treasurer, Bailey Russell.

Tiler, E. J. Duncan.

Trustees—Three years, Sam Frankel re-elected. Two years, L. H. Davis to succeed W. A. Radford resigned.

## Hold Balance.

Five members-elect of the new House of Representatives hold the balance of power in the Lower House. Acting as a unit, they can control the House, that is, they can control the Republicans and Democrats, each with 215 members, hold true to party lines. W. P. Martin, of Louisiana, and Thomas D. Schall, the blind member from Minnesota, are Progressives. C. H. Randall, of California, is a Prohibitionist. Meyer London, of New York, is a Socialist, while A. T. Fuller, of Massachusetts, is an independent.